REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3, 5-10, 12-15, 19-26, 29-32, 38-40, 42-45, 47-50, 66-68, 70 and 72 are pending in the application.

The examiner has indicated that the above claims are allowable.

Applicant has canceled the rejected claims. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner grant allowance of this application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicant via telephone if such communication would expedite this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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